

## RTAC Membership Bios

**Andrew Chesley** is Executive Director of the San Joaquin Council of Governments in Stockton, California and has 29 years of experience in regional transportation planning. Mr. Chesley is the past chair of the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Executive Directors Committee, and past chair of the Councils of Governments Director's Association of California. He is a member of the Governor's Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley and an officer in California's Self Help Counties' Coalition. He has authored two successful transportation sales tax measures (Measure K), a regional transportation impact fee and manages the Habitat Conservation Program for San Joaquin County.

**Stuart Cohen** is co-founder and Executive Director of TransForm (formerly TALC, the Transportation and Land Use Coalition). TransForm's campaigns on transportation sales taxes and other funding measures helped raise over \$6 billion for sustainable and socially-just transportation. Mr. Cohen spearheaded a number of these efforts, as well as the successful effort to initiate the Bay Area's Regional Smart Growth Strategy. He is the primary author of eight TransForm reports, including the 120-page *World Class Transit for the Bay Area*. In 2005, he helped conceive and launch the Great Communities Collaborative. This partnership of five non-profits, three community foundations, and 24 community partners is engaging communities around the Bay Area in planning for sustainable, equitable development near transit. He is also the co-founder and chair of ClimatePlan, a statewide network that promotes smart land use and transportation as critical components of California's climate strategy. Previously, Mr. Cohen worked with ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability as a researcher on the climate impacts of alternative transportation policies and fuels. He received a Master's Degree in Public Policy (MPP) from the Goldman School of Public Policy at U.C. Berkeley.

**Greg Devereaux** is City Manager for the City of Ontario. Mr. Devereaux has been in state and local government for over 30 years, serving in various capacities including Acting Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Long Beach; Director of Community Development for the City of Garden Grove; and, from 1993 to 1997, he was the City Manager of Fontana. During his tenure he stabilized the City's finances, increased infrastructure maintenance, and restored community programs. Mr. Devereaux became City Manager for the City of Ontario in September 1997. Working closely with the Mayor and City Council, the City embarked on an aggressive program to grow the City's economy and restructure the City's staff to better serve its residents and the business community. Each of the past 10 years resulted in substantial surpluses allowing the City to build reserves, fund unfunded liabilities and undertake the most aggressive investment in community facilities in the City's history. He is a current board member and Past President of the California Redevelopment Association and is active in the League of California Cities.

**Roger Dickinson** is a Supervisor on the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors. He was elected to the Board in a special election in January 1994, and was subsequently re-elected to four four-year terms, serving through 2010. He is Vice-Chair of the Board of Supervisors, chairs the Sacramento First 5 Commission and is a member of

the Sacramento Air Quality Management District Board. He serves on the Sacramento Regional Transit Board, the Sacramento Flood Control Agency Board, the Sacramento Public Library Authority Board, the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority Board, the Board of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments, and various other boards and commissions. Additionally, Roger serves as chair of the Human Services & Education Steering Committee and as a member of the Large Urban Counties Caucus Steering Committee of the National Association of Counties (NACo), is a member of the board and executive committee of the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), and is a board member of the Urban Counties Caucus of CSAC.

**Stephen Doyle** is a president of Brookfield San Diego Builders. He joined Brookfield homes in 1993 and was named president of the San Diego and Riverside division of Brookfield Davidson Homes in January 1996, the position he holds to date. Mr. Doyle earned a Bachelor's degree in engineering from San Diego State University in 1980 and a J.D. in 1984 from the University of San Diego, School of Law. He is a Registered Civil Engineer and is a member of both the California State and Federal Bar. Mr. Doyle was elected president of the San Diego Building Industry Association in 2001. He served as president for the California Building Industry Association, in 2005. He served as a board member for the Greater San Diego Chamber of Commerce and continues to serve on the Civil Engineering Advisory Board and the College of Engineering Advisory Board at SDSU. Mr. Doyle joined the University of San Diego School of Law Board of Visitors in 2007. Recently, the San Diego Building Industry Hall of Fame announced that Steve was selected for induction in February 2009.

**Amanda Eaken** is a Policy Analyst with the Natural Resources Defense Council's (NRDC) energy program. Ms. Eaken's primary focus is reducing transportation sector greenhouse gas emissions through improved land use and transportation planning and policy. Her recent work focuses on implementing California's landmark Global Warming Solutions Act through research, analysis, and advocacy. Aiming to create a model for state involvement in land use planning, Ms. Eaken was actively involved in the passage of Senate Bill 375. Prior to joining NRDC, Ms. Eaken managed the construction of affordable housing projects with a non-profit developer in San Francisco. Ms. Eaken received her Master's degree in Transportation and Land Use Planning from U.C. Berkeley's College of Environmental Design, and her B.A. in Environmental and Evolutionary Biology from Dartmouth College.

**Gary Gallegos** is Executive Director of the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG). He is a nationally recognized expert in the areas of transportation, land use, regional public policy making, and bi-national planning and diplomacy. Mr. Gallegos leads a staff of nearly 200 professionals who collaborate to develop public policy initiatives for elected officials on numerous issues encompassing population growth, transportation, environmental management, economic development, municipal finance, bi-national coordination, and public safety. Under his direction, the agency crafted an innovative \$42 billion Regional Transportation Plan to address transportation needs. Mr. Gallegos also served as the catalyst for SANDAG to create and implement, through its member governments, the first-ever Regional Comprehensive Plan — a regional planning blueprint that balances population, housing, and employment growth with habitat preservation, agriculture, open space, and infrastructure needs.

**Steve Heminger** is Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). MTC is the regional transportation planning and finance agency for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area region. Mr. Heminger was appointed by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to serve on the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission, which will help chart the future course for the federal transportation program. In addition, he is a member of the Board of Trustees for the Mineta Transportation Institute and the Board of Directors for the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations and International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association. Prior to joining MTC in 1993, Mr. Heminger was Vice President of Transportation for the Bay Area Council, a business-sponsored public policy group. He also served as a staff assistant in the California State Legislature and the U.S. Congress. Mr. Heminger received his Master of Arts degree from the University of Chicago and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Georgetown University.

**Richard Katz** is a Board Member for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (L.A. Metro). He was appointed to the Board by Los Angeles Mayor Villaraigosa. Mr. Katz has a long history of public service, having served on California's State Water Resources Control Board from 2001 to 2006. He was also Governor Gray Davis's senior advisor on energy and water; and he led negotiations on the landmark Colorado River Agreement with the U.S. government, California water agencies and the six other basin states. He served for 16 years in the state legislature beginning in 1980. For 10 years, he chaired the Assembly Transportation Committee; he authored Proposition 111, raising more money for mass transit/highways than any previous effort. He created the Congestion Management Plan, requiring cities/counties to mitigate land use decisions. Mr. Katz owns a private consulting practice. He also serves on the boards of the Economic Alliance of the San Fernando Valley, the Los Angeles Children's Museum, the Children's Community School, Valley Presbyterian Hospital and Heal the Bay.

**Arthur Leahy** is Chief Executive Officer of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA). Under direction of the OCTA Board, he is responsible for planning, financing and coordinating Orange County's freeway, street and rail development, as well as managing bus services, commuter rail services, paratransit van service for people with disabilities and a host of other transportation programs. He has served in the position since January 2001. Prior to joining OCTA, he most recently served as the General Manager of Metro Transit in Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota. From 1971 to 1996, he served at the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (L.A. Metro), including Executive Officer of Operations, where he directed the efforts to start rail service with the opening of the Metro Blue, Red and Green lines and the operation of the Metro's bus system. In 1998, Mr. Leahy was named the "Transit Professional of the Year" by the Minnesota Public Transit Association.

**Shari Libicki, Ph.D.**, is a Principal at ENVIRON International Corporation and their Global Air Quality Practice Area Leader. She has more than 20 years of experience in chemical fate and transport as applied to estimating air emissions and dispersion from chemical processes, hazardous waste sites and emergency releases, and managing greenhouse gas emissions. Dr. Libicki is on the faculty in the Chemical Engineering

Department at Stanford University. She has a breadth of experience, including assisting with compliance issues and evaluating greenhouse gas emissions from a variety of processes and assisted in developing greenhouse gas minimization programs. Her experience also includes the evaluation of air quality and climate change impacts of new projects under CEQA and NEPA.

**Mike McKeever** is Executive Director of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments. Previously, Mr. McKeever, was project manager of the Blueprint Project at SACOG. Over his 20-year career specializing in the field of planning, he has owned and managed two private businesses that specialized in working with local governments on innovative multi-jurisdictional projects. He has been instrumental in developing cutting-edge planning techniques to integrate land use and transportation planning. Mr. McKeever was the founder and President of McKeever/Morris for 13 years and then a Senior Supervising Planner for Parsons Brinckerhoff, before joining SACOG as Blueprint Project Manager in 2001. More recently, Mr. McKeever was the principal creator of PLACE3S planning method and software, designed to help professional and citizen planners to understand the connections between land use, transportation, and air quality issues. He has authored several manuals and guidebooks on various aspects of local government collaboration, and taught Stretching Community Dollars seminars throughout California for the City, County, Schools Partnership to help these units of government find creative ways to work together.

**Pete Parkinson** is the Director of the Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department (PRMD). With a full time staff of about 150, PRMD is a consolidated land use agency responsible for all aspects of permitting and land use planning in unincorporated Sonoma County. He has been a professional planner for 20 years and came to Sonoma County in 1996. Prior to that time, he was the Environmental Coordinator and Principal Planner for Santa Cruz County. He is a graduate of the University of California, Santa Cruz, with majors in Environmental Studies and American History. Mr. Parkinson is a northern California native. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and is the Vice President for Policy and Legislation with the American Planning Association – California.

**Linda Parks** is a Supervisor on the Ventura County Board of Supervisors. Ms. Parks previously served as a Planning Commissioner, City Council member, and Mayor for the City of Thousand Oaks, California. While on the Council she wrote the City's first campaign reform law, and initiated the annual Thousand Oaks Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration with the planting of a thousand oak trees. In addition to setting policy on the Board of Supervisors, Ms. Parks also serves on the Executive Committee and Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), the Air Pollution Control District, the Ventura Council of Governments, the California State University at Channel Islands Site Authority, the Mental Health Services Act Community Leadership Council, and the Ventura County Transportation Commission. Ms. Parks has a Master's degree in Urban Planning. She is a conservationist whose sixteen-year grassroots effort to preserve Ahmanson Ranch culminated in the Ranch's purchase as a State Park. As a citizen, Ms. Parks spearheaded the Parks Initiative that protects parks and open space in Thousand Oaks,

and the SOAR (Save Open space and Agricultural Resources) initiatives that protect Ventura County's open space and farmland.

**Manuel Pastor, Ph.D.**, is on leave from his position as Professor of Latin American and Latino Studies at the University of California, Santa Cruz and is currently a Professor of Geography and American Studies & Ethnicity at the University of Southern California where he directs the Program for Environmental and Regional Equity (PERE). He has received grants and fellowships from the Irvine Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation, the Ford Foundation, the National Science Foundation, the Hewlett Foundation, the Kellogg Foundation, the MacArthur Foundation, and many others. Dr. Pastor speaks frequently on issues of demographic change, economic inequality, and community empowerment and has contributed opinion pieces to such outlets as the Los Angeles Times, the San Jose Mercury News, and the Christian Science Monitor. He served as a member of the Commission on Regions appointed by California's Speaker of the State Assembly, and in January 2002 was awarded a Civic Entrepreneur of the Year award from the California Center for Regional Leadership.

**Michael Rawson** is the director of the nonprofit California Affordable Housing Law Project and co-director of its parent organization, the Public Interest Law Project, a state support center for California legal services programs. Mr. Rawson founded PILP in 1996 after a 16 year career as managing and senior attorney for the Legal Aid Society of Alameda County. For 28 years, he has represented lower income persons in need of affordable housing in state and federal courts and in the state legislature. He focuses on land use, community redevelopment and fair housing. He has litigated many housing related cases with legal services programs, including suits addressing the adequacy of local housing elements, displacement of lower income households and discrimination against persons protected by the fair housing laws. He has authored articles, book chapters and manuals on these issues. Since the adoption of California's Housing Element Law in 1980, Mr. Rawson has played a major role in drafting the numerous amendments to the law, and he was integral to the drafting of the affordable housing related provisions of SB 375.

**Barry Wallerstein, D. Env.**, is Executive Officer of the South Coast Air Quality Management District. Dr. Wallerstein is a longtime Southern California resident who holds a Doctorate in environmental science and engineering from the University of California at Los Angeles, School of Public Health, and M.S. and B.S. degrees in biological science from the University of Southern California. He has more than two decades of experience in urban planning and environmental studies, with an emphasis in air pollution control and public policy development. He has been AQMD's Executive Officer since August 1997, having served the agency in increasingly responsible positions since 1984. Previously, he held the position of an Environmental Control Administrator at Northrop Corporation and was a member of the rule development staff at the California Air Resources Board. As Executive Officer, he serves as chief of staff to implement environmental protection policies as approved by the agency's 13-member Governing Board, working proactively with state and federal regulatory officials, local governments, regulated businesses, and community stakeholders.

**Jerry Walters** is a Principal and Chief Technical Officer of Fehr & Peers, a transportation consulting firm with offices throughout California. He has over thirty years experience in transportation planning and engineering, and has participated on committees responsible for defining best practices for integrated land use, transportation and climate change methods for the California Transportation Commission, California Department of Housing and Community Development, Caltrans, and the American Public Transit Association. Mr. Walters is a co-author of the 2008 book *Growing Cooler – the Evidence on Urban Development and Climate Change* published by the Urban Land Institute. He also developed project evaluation methods and metrics for the US EPA Smart Growth INDEX and is project manager for the on-going US EPA study *“Mixed-use Development and Vehicle Trips: Improving the Standard Estimation Methodology”*. He also led development of smart growth travel analysis methods for Sacramento Regional Blueprint study, San Joaquin Valley Growth Response study, and smart growth planning for the San Diego and San Luis Obispo regions, and sustainable development plans throughout the US. He served on the advisory committee for Caltrans’ 2007 *“Assessment of Local Models and Tools for Analyzing Smart-Growth Strategies”*, and on the California Department of Housing and Community Development assessment *“The Effect of Housing Near Transit Stations on Vehicle Trip Rates and Transit Trip Generation”*, as well as on the California CTC working group on travel modeling guidelines for Regional Transportation Plans under AB32.

**Carol Whiteside** is the Founder and President Emeritus of the Great Valley Center, a nonprofit organization she began in August of 1997 to support organizations and activities that promote the economic, social and environmental well-being of California’s Central Valley. Prior to that she held positions on the staff of Governor Pete Wilson, first as Assistant Secretary of the California Resources Agency where she specialized in land use, conservation and growth management, and then as Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, focusing on community and economic development. She currently serves on numerous boards, including the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, the Public Policy Institute of California, the California Emerging Technology Fund and the Sierra Health Foundation, and in 2004 she was appointed to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger’s Sierra Nevada Conservancy. She also served as an elected Mayor of Modesto, as well as on the Modesto City School Board and City Council. Carol is a recipient of the Dale Prize for collaborative planning by Cal Poly Pomona in 2006, and under her leadership, the Great Valley Center was awarded the Olmsted Medal by the American Society of Landscape Architects in 2007. Ms. Whiteside is a graduate of the University of California at Davis.

**Michael Woo** is a Planning Commissioner for the City of Los Angeles. As a planning commissioner, former city councilman, and an adjunct professor in the USC School of Policy, Planning, and Development, Michael Woo brings a wealth of policy expertise and political acumen to his role as a Southern California consultant for ClimatePlan. He has been a key figure in major planning efforts in Southern California, authoring the Hollywood Redevelopment Plan and helping plan the route of the MetroRail Red Line. He also is chairman of the national board of Smart Growth America and the nonprofit group which runs the Hollywood Farmers Market.

**Jim Wunderman** is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Bay Area Council, a business-backed public policy organization in the San Francisco-Oakland-Silicon Valley Bay Area. Led by its CEO members, the Bay Area Council is the strong, united voice of more than 275 of the largest Bay Area employers, representing more than 500,000 workers, or one of every six private sector employees. Since becoming CEO in 2004, Wunderman has led the 64-year-old public policy organization to become one of the most influential, effective institutions of its kind. Under Wunderman's leadership, the Council has grown significantly in membership, revenue and profile, and has developed a global competitiveness strategy for the Bay Area that serves as a model for other regions. Some of the core elements of the global competitiveness strategy are to develop world-class infrastructure, a second-to-none education system, and to enact a smart growth plan that will stand in an era of climate change and economic pressures. Wunderman has also helped the Council develop deep and collaborative relationships with leaders in Washington, D.C. and Sacramento.